

# AMPERAGE VESPUCCI

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AMPERAGE VESPUCCI was an ITALIAN NAVIGATOR who was born at FLORENCE, March 9, 1451 (FOURTEEN FIFTY ONE). He was the third son of SER NASTAGIO who was a NOTARY of Florence and his mother's name was LISABETTA . Vespucci received some of his first EDUCATION from his uncle Giorgio Antonio, a PHILOSOPHER who was a teacher of the greater part of the Florentine nobility. Amerigo studied LITERATURE, which included the LATIN language. Evidence of this is shown in a letter he wrote to his FATHER in this language giving an account of his studies. Amerigo also devoted himself to the study of PHYSICS, GEOMETRY, ASTRONOMY, and COSMOGRAPHY. After the death of his father, Amerigo was employed by the MEDICIS, a family under COSIMO DE MEDICI, a wealthy BANKER who were given control of certian parts of the country. They sent him to look after their SHIP-OUTFITTING business, which operated out of Seville, about the time Columbus made his first voyage. Vespucci finally prepared his own VOYAGE in quest of the passage to the INDIAN subcontinent that had eluded Columbus. He sailed in 1499 -- SEVEN years after Columbus first landed in the West Indies. During his first voyage he explored the northern coast of SOUTH AMERICA to well beyond the mouth of the Amazon. He gave names like "Gulf of the GANGES," and other Asian place-names he knew about, to the things he saw. He also made significant improvements in NAVIGATIONAL techniques. During this trip he predicted the earth's CIRCUMFERENCE to within 50 miles. On May 16, 1499, Vespucci sailed from CADIZ on his second voyage. He directed his course to Cape Verde, crossed the Equator, and saw land, on the coast of BRAZIL. He followed the coast of South America down to within 400 miles of Tierra del Fuego. He returned to Spain in September, 1500. Amerigo made three more voyages in 1501, 1503 and 1505. An obscure GERMAN clergyman and amateur geographer named WALDSEEMULLER gave the name to the new found land. He was a member of a little LITERARY club that published an introduction to cosmology in 1507. In it he wrote of the new land mass that Vespucci had explored: "I see no reason why anyone should justly object to calling this part ... AMERICA, after Amerigo [Vespucci], its discoverer, a man of great ability. Amerigo Vespucci married MARIA CERREZO, who later died in 1524 having no CHILDREN. Amerigo died at Seville, 22 February, 1512 (FIFTEEN TWELVE).

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